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WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of orphanages in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether any financial assistance is provided to the orphanages by the Government;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has any plan to review its current policy on orphanages;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) the details of children who become orphan and destitute due to earthquake and communal violence during the last three years, till date in the country, State-wise/ incident-wise;

(g) the measures taken by the Government to rehabilitate such orphan and destitute children;

(h) whether the Government has so far received any foreign assistance in this regard during the above period ; and

(i) if so, the details thereof, country-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY)

(a),(b)&(c) Government of India does not maintain information regarding orphanages in the country. However, the Ministry of Women and Child Development has a scheme of Assistance to Homes for Children (Shishu Greh) to Promote In country Adoption under which grant-in-aid is available for voluntary organizations and Government run homes for orphaned/abandoned children of 0-6 years for their quality child care and placement in adoption in loving and caring families. The details of voluntary organizations and State Governments provided assistance under this scheme are available on Central Adoption Resource Agency (CARA) website www.adoptionindia.nic.in .

(d)&(e) There is no separate policy on orphanages. Orphanages are governed by the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Amendment Act, 2006 like other child care institutions.

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(i) The Ministry of Women and Child Development does not maintain such information. As and when required, Government of India provides necessary assistance for rehabilitation of such orphans and destitute children. No foreign assistance has been received in this regard by this Ministry.